

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 6 September 2016  
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Commissioners Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer, and Chair, JoAnn Robinson.
2. Review of minutes: Reviewed minutes from June 7, 2016 and August 2, 2016. Approved with edits.
3. Communications Received:
  - a. Message from Dan Pearlman, owner of 94 Oakland Avenue- The Allen House. Concerned about large oak tree in front of house due to construction on property next to his.
  - b. Message from Lance Green. Demolition sign off requested for 19 Golden Ave. A sign off was sent to the Building Department. 19 Golden Avenue is not on the Inventory.
  - c. Message from contractor confirming hearing for 47 Mystic Lake Drive on September 6, 2016.
  - d. Message regarding replacement of windows at 990 Massachusetts Avenue. AHC does not have jurisdiction for this property.
  - e. Request for a historic house marker. Process explained and owner will submit research.
  - f. Request for information regarding Hendersonville. Forwarded to the Arlington Historic Districts Commission.
  - g. Message regarding repairs needed on front and side porch of two-family house at 81-83 Medford Street.
  - h. Message from homeowner at 241 Mystic Street about putting up fence and garage work.
4. Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations:
  - a. Arlington Preservation Fund (Guthrie, Schaefer)- Nothing to report.
  - b. Arlington Historical Society (Meister)- Lecture series regarding the Greening of Arlington to be held in September.
  - c. Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Robinson)- Nothing to report.
  - d. ATED- Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee (Guthrie)- Nothing to report.
  - e. Community Preservation Act Committee (Robinson)- Started application process due October 7, 2016 for two projects 1. Jason Russell House 2. Old Schwamb Mill
  - f. Arlington Cultural District Commission

Historical Commission FY 2016 Budget – Nothing to report.

5. Projects Proceeding under Hearings and Approvals:

- a. Whittemore Robbins House Cottage 6/13 Robinson - Nothing to report.
- b. 1173 Massachusetts Avenue 11/14 Guthrie-Nothing to report.
- c. 38 Kensington Park 5/15 Stange- No report.
- d. 61 Brantwood Road 7/15 Stange- No report.
- e. 1167 Massachusetts Avenue 8/15 Robinson- Nothing to report.
- f. 42 Henderson Street 10/15 Schaefer- Making progress.
- g. 252 Gray Street 2/16 Guthrie- Making progress.
- h. 1210 Massachusetts Avenue 3/16 Schaefer- Work done conflicts with the plan approved by the Arlington Historical Commission. The contractor needs to come before the Commission to explain work that has been done. He is not complying with the decision and a stop work order may be put in place. A motion was made to have Dianne Schaefer and Patrick Guthrie check on work that has been done and schedule a meeting with the contractor and Children's room representative and if changes are totally different from the plan Chair JoAnn Robinson will be notified and will put a stop work order in place.
- i. 3-11 Lakeview Street 4/16 Schaefer/Robinson- Nothing to report.
- j. 418 Massachusetts Avenue 8/16 Nothing to report.

6. Continuing Projects

- a. Whittemore Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson – Carriage House CPA project will proceed. A meeting will be set up with Christine Bongiorno.
- b. Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson – CPA application submitted.
- c. Education/Outreach: Robinson – Nothing to report.
- d. Historic House Markers- Received information regarding 239 Pleasant Street. After review, the Commissioners asked that further research be done and suggested that the owners look to the South Middlesex Registry of Deeds for more information.
- e. Town Hall: Nothing to report.
- f. Web Site: Stange – Nothing to report.

7. Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm- The Arlington Historical Commission held a hearing at 8:00pm on September 6, 2016 to review proposed changes to the exterior at 47 Mystic Lake Drive. This property is listed on the Arlington Historical Commission Inventory of Significant Properties. At the hearing a quorum of the Commission voted unanimously to authorize changes to the building as follows.

The windows and doors will be restored, preserving as much as possible of the original wood, and replacing any damaged wood with matching wood. Any damaged exterior trim

will be repaired with matching materials in the original style of the features. The porches on the side and rear of the house will be restored as follows

The original design of the porch railings will be preserved. However the railings will be brought up to the height required by current building codes. This will require that the original railing design will be expanded proportionally to the new scale. This will be done in consultation with the Commission monitor

The remainder of the porch structure, including the stairs will be restored or repaired to the original design. Stair railings to match those on the porches.

Any other exterior changes to the building must be communicated to the Commission monitor for approval. Dianne Schaefer, Commissioner will be the monitor for this project.

8:30pm- Hearing was postponed for 18 Kensington Road Presenters Martha Penzenik, architect.

Proposed plan is to add a second story to the current ranch style house. Strip the house to studs and maintain footprint. Plan to design the house to have details like neighboring houses. Due to interior changes, new plans are in process.

The Commissioners asked that plans be submitted and viewed due to the whole structure being changed. A motion was made for a continuance of this hearing to be held on October 4, 2016 at 8:00pm. All approved the motion.

9:00pm- Informal Hearing for 22 Williams Road. Mark Halliday and Nellie Aikenhead will bring plans to the formal hearing on October 4, 2016 at 8:30pm.

Old Business:

New Business:

Town Day on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Eric Stange, Patrick Guthrie and Dianne Schaefer will attend.

Hingham Streetscape Protection laws.

The Arlington Historical Commission meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be October 4, 2016.

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.